

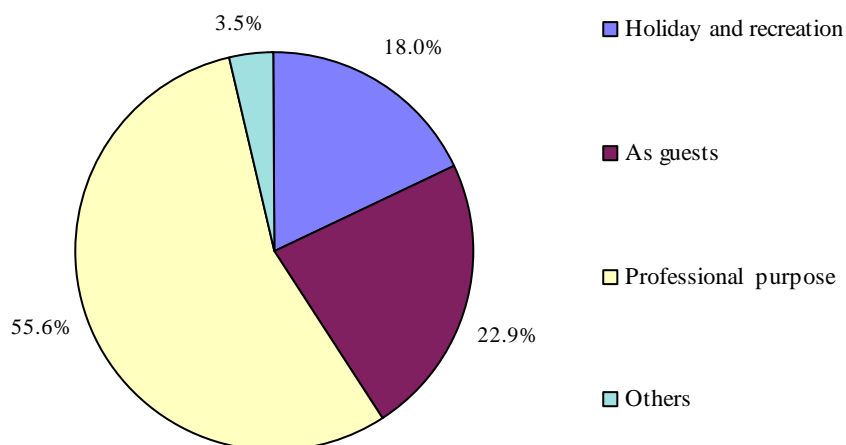


## TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS ABROAD AND ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA IN OCTOBER 2010

In October 2010, the number of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad was 291.7 thousand, or 19.4% less than the number of the trips in October 2009 (Table 1). A decrease in the number of the trips to all surveyed countries was observed. The highest decline was registered in the trips to Malta - by 84.3%, Portugal - by 78.2%, Switzerland - by 76.6%, Italy - by 69.6%, Belgium - by 67.8%, Slovakia - by 66.3%, France - by 66.0%, United Kingdom - by 65.9%, Poland - by 65.5% Spain - by 64.8%, Russian Fed. - by 64.5% and Cyprus - by 64.0%.

The highest share of the trips of Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad had the trips with professional purpose - 55.6%, followed up by visits as guests - 22.9%, holiday and recreation - 18.0%, and others - 3.5%.

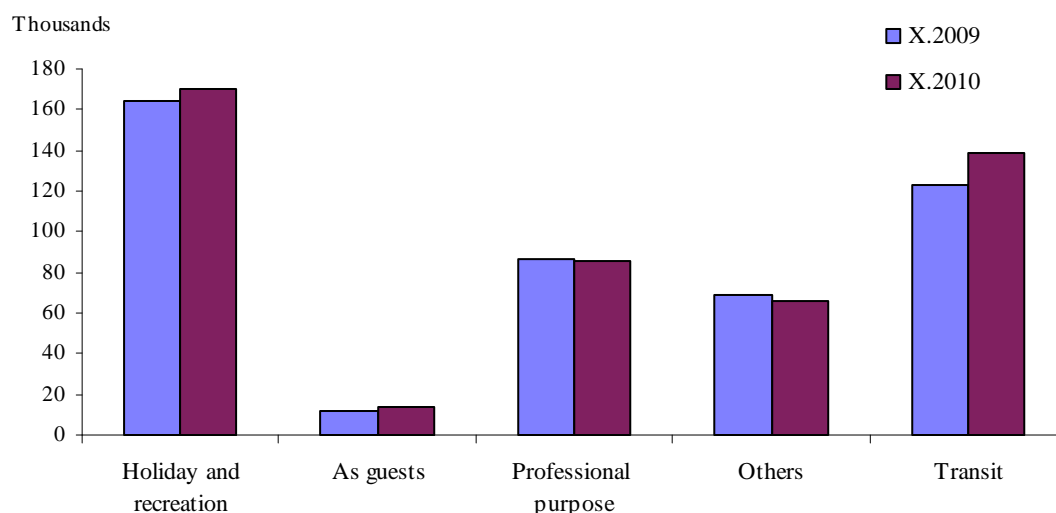
**Figure 1. Structure of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by purpose of visit in October 2010**



In October 2010, the number of arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria was 477.2 thousand or 5.1% more than the number of trips in the corresponding month of 2009 (Table 2). An increase in the number of visitors with purpose holiday and recreation by 5.0 % was registered. The visits as guests and visitors passing transit were increased by 10.3% and 13.7% respectively. At the same time, a decrease was recorded in visits with professional purpose by 0.5% and visits with other purposes - by 4.2%.



**Figure 2. Number of arrivals of visitors to Bulgaria from abroad by purpose of visit**

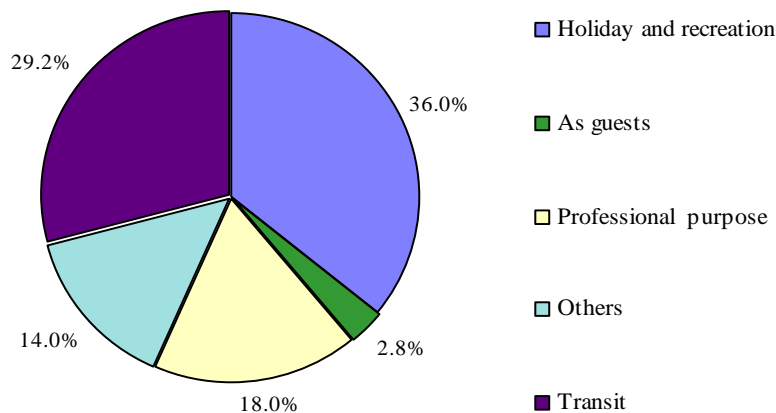


The arrivals of visitors from EU Member States rose by 1.2%, while the highest growth was observed in the number of visits from Hungary and Slovenia - 51.7% and 36.7% respectively. A decrease was registered in the visits from Malta - by 42.6%, Finland - by 36.9%, Ireland - by 27.6%, etc.

The visits of foreigners in the group "Other European countries"<sup>1</sup> were increased by 16.7%. The largest growth was observed in the number of arrivals of citizens from Serbia - by 66.0%, Russian Fed. - by 40.2% and FYROM - by 36.8%.

In September 2010, arrivals with purpose holiday and recreation composed the greatest share of the total number of foreigners visited to Bulgaria - 36.0%, followed by transit trips - 29.2%, professional purpose - 18.0%, others - 14.0% and visits as guests - 2.8%.

**Figure 3. Structure of arrivals of visitors to Bulgaria from abroad by purpose of visit in October 2010**



<sup>1</sup> Group of "Other European countries" include countries in Europe outside EU.



### **Methodological notes**

Statistical data on the trips of Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad and visits by foreigners in Bulgaria are obtained on the basis of monthly information received from the Ministry of Interior and sample survey of the National Statistical Institute among Bulgarian and foreign citizens passing the border check points.

Data on the number of the trips of the citizens of the European Union are estimated on the basis of the information obtained from the Ministry of Interior and the airport authorities. Data on the number of citizens of “third countries” are obtained directly from the Ministry of Interior.

Data on the purposes of the trips are developed on the basis of the NSI’s regular monthly sample survey of passing Bulgarian and foreign citizens on the border check points.



**Table 1**

**TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS ABROAD BY PURPOSE OF VISIT AND BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION IN OCTOBER 2010**

Country of destination	Total - number	Purpose of visit - number				X.2010 as % to X.2009
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Professional	Others	
<b>Total</b>	<b>291661</b>	<b>52370</b>	<b>66891</b>	<b>162105</b>	<b>10295</b>	<b>-19.4</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>127202</b>	<b>24829</b>	<b>8787</b>	<b>90224</b>	<b>3362</b>	<b>-30.9</b>
of which:						
Austria	2445	1078	141	1141	85	-57.6
Belgium	1093	324	118	590	61	-67.8
United Kingdom	2980	646	522	1350	462	-65.9
Germany	7484	2212	610	4299	363	-59.0
Greece	72232	10756	5850	53841	1785	-10.6
Denmark	129	14	16	85	14	-51.0
Ireland	33	7	3	6	17	-46.8
Spain	3070	1099	171	1677	123	-64.8
Italy	2477	1051	61	1310	55	-69.6
Cyprus	486	143	50	287	6	-64.0
Malta	19	5	2	12	-	-84.3
Netherlands	912	330	69	478	35	-62.5
Poland	678	172	132	368	6	-65.5
Portugal	57	17	-	36	4	-78.2
Romania	30305	6074	818	23165	248	-16.2
Slovakia	55	8	-	47	-	-66.3
Slovenia	113	45	1	53	14	-46.9
Hungary	748	214	107	378	49	-62.7
Finland	13	2	3	6	2	-60.6
France	945	267	60	596	22	-66.0
Czech Rep.	810	347	51	407	5	-63.3
Sweden	64	15	2	42	5	-57.6
<b>Other European countries</b>	<b>161441</b>	<b>25908</b>	<b>57959</b>	<b>71119</b>	<b>6455</b>	<b>-6.4</b>
Norway	104	23	28	10	43	-62.7
FYROM	25430	2603	5466	14592	2769	-10.4
Russian Fed.	512	57	68	311	76	-64.5
Serbia	25924	7819	401	17573	131	-17.5
Turkey	108609	15195	51954	38128	3332	-0.1
Ukraine	538	112	31	320	75	-42.2
Switzerland	324	99	11	185	29	-76.6
<b>Other countries</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>-63.0</b>
Israel	307	37	12	169	89	-64.0
Canada	62	3	3	5	51	-61.5
USA	216	1	9	14	192	-62.2
Japan	5	2	-	3	-	-44.4
<b>Rest of the world</b>	<b>2428</b>	<b>1590</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>-33.7</b>



**Table 2**

**ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA  
BY PURPOSE OF VISIT AND BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN IN OCTOBER 2010**

Country of origin	Total number	Purpose of visit - number					X.2010 as % to X.2009
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Professional	Others	Transit	
<b>Total</b>	<b>477196</b>	<b>172021</b>	<b>13493</b>	<b>85708</b>	<b>66247</b>	<b>139727</b>	<b>5.1</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>288024</b>	<b>123972</b>	<b>5392</b>	<b>72671</b>	<b>33624</b>	<b>52365</b>	<b>1.2</b>
of which:							
Austria	8678	2717	109	5057	486	309	25.4
Belgium	3681	318	3	1648	599	1113	21.8
United Kingdom	13149	9288	101	3034	232	494	-1.0
Germany	27344	15435	150	7081	1519	3159	16.9
Greece	78778	39998	2737	14038	12288	9717	2.3
Denmark	1597	695	59	695	-	148	22.4
Ireland	468	137	-	318	2	11	-27.6
Spain	2758	716	79	1748	63	152	-19.1
Italy	10673	2173	112	5003	1411	1974	7.6
Cyprus	1289	224	38	477	25	525	-25.3
Malta	66	15	-	34	5	12	-42.6
Netherlands	4212	786	9	1430	33	1954	13.9
Poland	10397	3439	24	2641	2084	2209	9.9
Portugal	535	245	1	259	13	17	-12.4
Romania	98225	40871	1794	17096	11654	26810	-8.0
Slovakia	3445	894	69	853	659	970	30.6
Slovenia	1196	235	-	929	24	8	36.7
Hungary	5775	1045	9	2400	1718	603	51.7
Finland	1017	854	-	118	16	29	-36.9
France	6883	2024	67	3297	11	1484	13.0
Czech Rep.	5166	537	9	3742	564	314	25.8
Sweden	1338	821	8	348	30	131	-11.4
<b>Other European countries</b>	<b>151853</b>	<b>31800</b>	<b>7451</b>	<b>9550</b>	<b>26611</b>	<b>76441</b>	<b>16.7</b>
Norway	1126	891	36	153	34	12	28.8
FYROM	40629	11127	5267	1607	8920	13708	36.8
Russian Fed.	9123	3569	550	1548	2725	731	40.2
Serbia	25742	12217	166	780	2930	9649	66.0
Turkey	62501	1879	1200	4105	8812	46505	-6.2
Ukraine	9614	1009	162	884	3188	4371	15.9
Switzerland	3118	1108	70	473	2	1465	21.3
<b>Other countries</b>	<b>13432</b>	<b>11481</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>-15.6</b>
Israel	4762	4302	24	349	71	16	-26.0
Canada	1083	947	21	62	31	22	-33.2
USA	6622	5478	157	616	220	151	-7.2
Japan	965	754	9	173	10	19	33.3
<b>Rest of the world</b>	<b>23887</b>	<b>4768</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>2287</b>	<b>5680</b>	<b>10713</b>	<b>1.1</b>